(b) 13.5% and 16% respectively of the targets have been achieved so far in these states.

(c) The provision of telephone facility in urban and rural areas is made on the basis of registered demand and the objectives of the 8th Five Year Plan in this regard are :

(i) to provide telephones practically on demand in rural and tribal areas;

(ii) Waiting period for telephone connections not to exceed two years.

This is subject to availability of resources.

(d) Information for the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in the major cities of these two States is placed at statement (*See* below). The 8th Five Year Plan envisages that the waiting period for a telephone connection does not exceed two years at the end of the Plan.

Statement

Waiting List of Major cities as on 31-10-93

Name of City			Number of persons on waiting list
Maharashtra (including MTNL Bombay)	1.	Nagpur	31534
	2.	Pune	53041
	3.	Amravati	3651
	4.	Aurangabad	8989
	5.	Kolhapur	2278
	6.	Nasik	14220
	7.	Solapur	7494
	8.	MTNL Bombay	215283
Gujarat	1.	Ahmedabad	51596
	2.	Rajkot	9420
	3.	Surat	46246
	4.	Baroda	38732

Quarters for the Staff Posts and Telecommunications

1377. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether adequate number of quarters have been constructed for the employees of the department of Posts and Telecommunications at Indore, Bhopal, Raipur, Jabalpur and at Gwalior as on date ;

(b) if not, the extent to which the number of existing staff quarters is less than the requirement ; and

(c) by what time the shortage is likely to be made-up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) *Department of Posts* : No norms have been laid down for satisfaction of demand for staff quarters in the Department of Posts. A total of 638 staff quarters are available in all the five stations as on 31-10-93. The satisfaction level in these stations is almost double that of the national average of satisfaction in the Department of Posts.

Department of Telecommunications :

(i) Yes, Sir. (in respect of Indore and Bhopal Stations).

(ii) No, Sir (in respect of Jabalpur, Gwalior and Raipur Stations).

(b) *Department of Posts* : Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Department of Telecommunications :

The shortfall in respect of staff quarters at Jabalpur, Raipur and Gwalior is 20,116, and 54 respectively to achieve 14% satisfaction ratio.

(c) *Department of Posts* : Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Department of Telecommunications : Shortfall is planned to be made up during 8th Five Year Plan period 1992—97.

Introduction of Wireless Technology

1378. SHRI S. MADHBAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what are steps taken to induct wireless technology into the Telecommunication net work ;

(b) what is the amount required for the induction of this new technology ;

(c) whether any foreign companies have offered to instal this technology in India ;

(d) whether it is a fact that more telephone connections can be provided through this technology ; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Wireless Technology is used at present in the Indian Telecom Network in long distance Transmission circuits. So far as the local subscriber loop is concerned no steps have been taken by the Department so far. The Long Distance Transmission Network using Microwave technology as well as satellite communication are wireless technologies.

(b) The amount required for wireless loop in local network is presently not available since it has not been introduced in India so far.

(c) As mentioned earlier the long distance circuits using wireless technology is being manufactured in India, and as far as local wireless loop is concerned a company by name USWEST has offered, but it has not yet been finalised.

(d) and (e) Each wireless loop can take one telephone and as such the wireless local exchanges can provide a large number of telephone connections limited by the frequency bandwidth available.

Telecom. Services in Rural Areas

1379. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item in the Economic Time, dated 1st November, 1993 captioned "Rural Telecom Financially Viable" ;

(b) whether Government have taken note of the study of NCAER ;

(c) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to extend telecom services in the rural areas ; and

(d) whether any particular type of technology is likely to be selected for rural areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The NCAER is yet to submit its final report on the study to the Department of Telecommunications.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Setting up of TV Centre in Gangapur in Rajasthan

1380. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal to set up a TV Station in Gangapur of Swai Madhopur district of Rajasthan, has been approved ;